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REMARKS

Claims 2-8 and 11-13 are now pending. Claim 1 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 2 and 3 are the only independent claims.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of Claims 2-8 and 11-13. Claim 1, which was rejected in view of prior art, has been cancelled, rendering its rejection moot. In view of this cancellation, all of the pending claims are allowed.

Since this amendment clearly places this case in condition for allowance by cancelling the rejected claim, its entry is clearly proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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